Boston, November 4. 1851.

My dear Mr. Ethin;

When I last wrote to you — a hurried letter touching my controversy with the "Christian Register", &c — I think I said I should write you again soon. That, I remember, was my intention, — but it has been long delayed. — My last from you was dated Aug. 15, and was sent to me while on the island of Nantucket, engaged in a series of anti-slavery meetings. It gave me pleasure, & comfort. It has been a sincere satisfaction to know how untiringly & heartily you and your daughter have been working for our cause. Many with infirm & uncertain health would feel themselves excused from such labours; but when "the spirit makes willing", great things can be done. Thro' Anne Weston I have learned something of your sayings & doings during the visit of Mrs. Chapman & her sister to your house & city. I am very glad they had this opportunity to see you, in your own home, and other Bristol friends. I hope the excitement, & the necessary exertion, incident to their visit, may not have proved too much for you & your daughter. I have been looking with great desire, & even anxiety, to have a letter from you — but none has come, — for 2 months now; and it has occurred to me that you have been awaiting my further letter, alluded to above. — It is on the subject of my previous letter, that I now write a few lines; — I understood, by the Christn. Register, that the "Inquirer" had copied my letter to the Reg., as found in the Liberator; and was glad to see that they had. — I was then in Leicester, and intended, on coming to Boston, to look up a copy of the 'Inquirer', & see the article for myself, with any comments which might have been made upon it. — I came to Boston on Friday eveg. last. On Saturday morning, I received a note from Rev. John Parkman (who is now living at Staten Island, near New York.)

[Nov. 11. — At Leicester. — Compelled to break off, as above. I am now able to resume.]

Mr. Parkman's note said, "I find my name mentioned in a postscript to a letter of yours in the "London Inquirer". Of course, I cannot believe that P.S. was intended to be published

- for it must have occurred to you that nothing could be better calculated than that "to produce a collision between my uncle and myself." - And he asks for a copy of a note he had written me, which contained all he had said of his Uncle, Dr. Parkman. — Of course, this note of J.P.'s put me on finding the Inquirer with a new spirit. I went to the various places in Boston, where I supposed I could see it; - to the A.A.S. office, where every no. of the "Inquirer" seemed to be on file, except the one I wanted to see: - to the Chr. Reg.r office, - there no file of the "Inquirer" was preserved. Then I wrote to S.H. Gay of N.York, for the loan of his copy. He had loaned it to Mr. Parkman, at Staten Island, - would get it for me, if he could; - but as it has not arrived, I fear that copy too is missing; and I fear I am doomed never to see in what way the "Inquirer" has responded to my request that it would copy the whole, or a part, of my letter to the Eds. of the Chr. Register, - by them refused publication, and afterwards published in the Liberator. So far as I am now advised, my impression is that the Editor has not complied with that request at all (as I supposed he had done from a brief paragraph in a recent Chr. Reg.r, above alluded to) - but, instead thereof, has committed the egregious blunder of printing a private, and most hurriedly-written letter, wherein I was (so far as my memory serves me) giving him the reasons why I had not before alluded to, and felt restrained even then from dwelling upon, the proof I possessed of an out-o'-doors interference with the management of the Christian Register, on the Subject of Slavery; — that reason being my strong reluctance to say anything which should involve a personal breach between Rev. J. Parkman (my authority & informant) & his Uncle Dr.P. - the Chief Offender in the case. - As I had been so cautious to prevent everything of the kind from obtaining publicity, and so told the Editor of the "Inquirer", it appears he thought it best to defeat my intention, and make the whole as public as possible.

I have, of course, written to Rev. J. Parkman, assuring him that that letter was never designed for publication, and (I was confident) carried full internal evidence of that fact; - and explaining to him the earnest desire I had felt to save him, so far as possible, from any unpleasant difference with Dr P. - and expressing my mortification I regret that my object had been so unexpectedly defeated. Had Mr. Lalor been in the editorial chair, I am quite sure such a blunder (?) would not have occurred.

As you and I write so unreservedly, ~~the~~ each to the other, I have thought it best to give you the foregoing facts; and I shall be glad to know from you just what the Edr of the "Inquirer" has done, & has omitted to do.

You will have seen, before receiving this, accounts of Rev. John Scoble in this country, and his underhanded, gratuitous, attack upon George Thompson. He was invited to speak (through the agency of Lewis Tappan, we understand) in the pulpit of Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, Brooklyn, N.Y. (Brooklyn is a suburbs of N. York). He took occasion, in opening his address, to go out of his way to bring in Geo. Thompson - & strove to curry favour with his audience by showing the impassable gulf between Mr. T., and the Brit. & Foreign a.S. Society in general, & himself in particular. I have reason to know that his remarks created disgust in the minds of some of his hearers - men who intelligently had surveyed the whole ground, - knew Mr. Thompson & the nature of his services to the anti-slavery cause - & understood the motives, & the pressure, under which Scoble was speaking. How feeble, & worse than useless, were his remarks about slavery in this country! Ten thousand such lecturers as he could not advance the cause a jot. He took off his cap to the slaveholders, and the pro-slavery Christians (!!), with the utmost deference. - After such milk & water talk, I hope you will notice & read (it was transferred to the Liberator) H.W. Beecher's caustic article "Kossuth & Cotton". - I send you a copy of the N.Y. Evening Post, containing a report of J. Scoble's lecture.

We hear, with great pleasure, of Kossuth's arrival in England, and of his generous & cordial reception at Southampton & Winchester. - I hope a great deal of Kossuth. Whether he will disappoint us, remains to be seen. - I am greatly encouraged in my hope by seeing that the journals here, generally, which ~~are~~ are in the interest of the slaveholders & of the present Administration, are making an insidious ~~but~~ & steady effort to prejudice the public mind against him. All their accusations come anonymously, and though couched in high sounding phrases really amount to nothing, - i.e. nothing discreditable to him. The heaviest charge is, that he has not abandoned as hopeless the cause of Hungary, & desires to obtain pecuniary aid, in this country & elsewhere, to sustain it. - Excellent reason for republicans to cast him off, truly! But, without irony, it is doubtless a sufficient

reason why the slaveholding powers of this land, and their minions should dread & dislike Kossuth. There was a tone & spirit manifest in his Address to the people of this country (published here about 6 weeks since) which indicated that he would not be a silent spectator of the grasp and petted tyranny of this false Republic; and I believe it is therefore they wish to keep him out of the country, or, if that cannot be, to neutralize his influence in it, as far as possible.

Your conjecture about Fred. Douglass's paper is not very far out of the way. His self-conceit & vanity are enormous, & generally remarked. Many think he was spoiled in England. He has been foolish, & weak, & inconsiderate enough — as doubtless you have seen — to attack George Thompson & Richd D. Webb for alleged hostility to his little Liberty party in & about Rochester. F. D.'s new-born zeal for the said "Liberty Party" is amusing. — Vaulting, it o'erleaps itself, and falls on the other side. —

I was surprised at reading Mr Grant's publication of your explanatory letter, which appeared so clearly a private one to him; and can (in my presence trial about the "Inquirer", & J. Parkman) fully sympathize with your feelings of annoyance in the matter.

I thank you for your information about the Crafts, &c., to whom I wish hope to be remembered, with my best regards. Thousands here would rejoice to see them again, but this "land of the free & home of the brave" is not wide enough for them.

My last moments for writing this have come — the mail is about closing. Mrs. May wishes to be affectionately remembered, as do I also, to your daughter and to yourself. Pray let me hear from you soon. — We all go to Boston this month, having taken lodgings for our 5 months' winter at a boarding house in Summer St.

Very respectfully Yours

Samuel May Jr

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